

was elected to the Council. I know Frank will also remain aware of and involved with local issues before the Shawnee government.

Madam Speaker, I know that you and all Members of this House join with me in paying tribute to a dedicated public servant who has been key to the growth and prosperity of Shawnee, Kansas, for the past several decades. I am pleased to have this opportunity to recognize former Shawnee City Council Member Frank Goode.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE ORDER
OF THE KNIGHTS OF RIZAL,
CLEVELAND CHAPTER, AND THE
149TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
BIRTH OF DR. JOSE PROTACIO
RIZAL

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the contribution of the Cleveland Chapter of the Order of the Knights of Rizal and to honor Dr. Jose Protacio Rizal on the occasion of the 149th anniversary of his birth.

A hero of the Filipino Independence movement in the 1800s, Dr. Rizal continues to inspire. His heroic and poignant writings and efforts focused on freedom from oppression and liberty for all. He inspired and energized people beyond his native Philippines.

A young and idealistic doctor, Dr. Rizal wrote of freedom and independence from Spain. His writings soon struck a chord and he went on to found the Filipino independence movement, Luga Filipina, in Manila in 1892. By 1898, an armed struggle for independence had begun, and government officials accused Dr. Rizal of leading the charge. On the evening of December 30, 1896, Dr. Rizal was executed by firing squad in what is now known in Manila as Rizal Park. The night before his scheduled execution, he wrote the poem 'Mi Ultimo Adios,' a heart-rending and poignant expression of his love for country and people of the Philippines.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring and celebrating the life of Dr. Jose Protacio Rizal, and in recognition of the members of the Order of the Knights of Rizal, Cleveland Chapter. Dr. Jose Rizal's story is the embodiment of the innate human quest for freedom, justice and liberty.

RECOGNIZING JACOB COSTELLO
FOR EARNING THE CONGRES-
SIONAL AWARD GOLD MEDAL

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, I would like to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Jacob Costello from Wesley, Arkansas for achieving the Congressional Award Gold Medal. This prestigious award is the highest honor given to America's youth by the U.S. Congress.

The Congressional Award Program recognizes excellence and service among young

Americans who are challenged to set goals and carry through in public service, personal development and physical fitness and expedition or exploration.

Jacob had the motivation and resolve to achieve this major accomplishment; completing 400 hours of voluntary public service, 200 hours of personal development activities, 200 hours of physical fitness and 4 consecutive days and nights of an exploration or expedition.

Reflecting on his efforts and the time it took to accomplish this award, Jacob said that he "realized that personal growth can go hand-in-hand with service to others." It is refreshing to see that young Americans in my district and all across the country are working so hard to improve themselves and their communities.

I want to congratulate Jacob for his determination and dedication and encourage him to continue working towards his goals.

RECOGNIZING JAMES A.
PARETTI, JR.

HON. JOHN KLINE

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. KLINE of Minnesota. Madam Speaker, those of us privileged to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives do not do our jobs alone. We rely on the expertise and tireless energy of staff members who share our commitment to serving our constituents and our nation. As one of my staff members prepares to depart, I recognize and applaud his years of service to this, The People's House.

James A. Paretti, Jr. first came to Capitol Hill in 1987, and has served on the staff of the Education and Labor Committee since 2003. As Workforce Policy Counsel, Jim has helped reform and modernize employment policy with the overarching goal of protecting workers and fostering innovation among American employers. As an attorney, his dedication to and understanding of the law has been the hallmark of his service.

Jim's quick wit and powerful intellect have served members of the Education and Labor Committee well. He has proven to be a deft negotiator able to put principle above party and craft legislation in the best interest of the nation. Jim's contributions to the House are many, and we wish him well as he enters the next phase of a career dedicated to upholding, interpreting, and improving the laws that affect American workers and employers.

ACKNOWLEDGING SANDRA
JAKOVljevic

HON. RUSS CARNAHAN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. CARNAHAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and acknowledge Sandra Jakovljevic.

Sandra has been a valued district staff member of mine for the past 3 years, specializing in outreach to the Bosnian community and providing excellent customer service to my constituents.

The Bosnian community is a significant part of my district. More than 30,000 have decided to make the St. Louis area their new home, and Sandra has been an excellent liaison to my Bosnian-American constituents. Sandra has assisted many with questions about immigration processes and procedures, and has been able to help them make St. Louis and America feel more like home.

I have received many accolades from citizens all across my district who received critical assistance outstanding service from Sandra. From visa issues to emergency passport problems, Sandra went the extra mile to help resolve their problem in the most professional and timely manner possible. Many times, she came to the office very early or stayed very late to make calls across different international time zones to help bring resolution to problems, something my constituents have come to truly appreciate.

I admire Sandra for the many challenges she has overcome in her lifetime. My staff and I have learned much from Sandra, and I hope she has learned from her experience with my office as well. May Sandra enjoy success and peace with her new husband-to-be Bernard, and we wish her well as she begins this new chapter in her life. I, along with all of my staff, will miss her very much.

IN HONOR OF GEORGE AND CLARA
ZABOROWSKI ON THE OCCASION
OF THEIR 65TH WEDDING ANNI-
VERSARY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of George and Clara Zaborowski, as they celebrate sixty-five years of marriage and devotion to one another. On this special day, they also celebrate their family and many friends throughout the community.

George Zaborowski grew up on Cleveland's eastside and worked at White Motor Company for nearly forty years. Clara Sokolowski grew up in the Tremont neighborhood in the apartment above her parents' restaurant, the Sokolowski's University Inn. Established in 1923, the Sokolowski's University Inn remains one of Cleveland's most beloved culinary landmarks. Mr. Zaborowski joined the Marines and served his nation during World War II.

George and Clara, both of Polish heritage and fluent in Polish, met in 1941. On June 23, 1945, they wed at St. John Cantius Church in Cleveland, Ohio. Together, they lovingly raised their children—Thomas and Christine. Their shared love for each other has extended through each new generation. Their family continues to be the center of their lives, as they are close to their grandchildren, Lisa, Maureen, Kim and Jessica, as well as their great-grandchildren, Joshua, Craig, Kyle, Malcom, Cassy, Alex, Spencer and Henry.

To this day, Mr. and Mrs. Zaborowski continue to honor Polish traditions and customs, especially during the holiday season. They have instilled within their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren a sense of their family heritage.

Madam Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Mr. and

Mrs. Zaborowski, as they celebrate sixty-five years of marriage. I wish Mr. and Mrs. Zaborowski an abundance of health, happiness and peace in all of their future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE COMMUNITY
ACTIVISM OF MR. MICHAEL
SLAYMAKER

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. GRAYSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding public service of Mr. Michael Slaymaker, president of the Orlando Youth Alliance, in honor of Gay & Lesbian Pride Month. Under the direction of Mr. Slaymaker, the Orlando Youth Alliance serves to educate parents, academia, health care workers, and others about the development and diversity of sexual identity and make them more attention to the concerns and needs of gay, lesbian, bi-sexual and transgendered youth.

Mr. Slaymaker moved to Central Florida in 1995 from Iowa. He graduated from Central College, Pella, Iowa, in 1983 with a bachelor of arts degree in Communications & Theatre and minor degrees in Business Management and German. In 1999, he earned his master of arts degree in Human Resources at Rollins College in Winter Park, Florida.

Mr. Slaymaker has worked with numerous non-profit organizations that have contributed greatly to the Central Florida community. From 1983 through 1993, he worked for the American Heart Association, first at a field representative, then as the Special Events Director, and finally as the Director of Field Services. He successfully designed a major gifts program and increased the annual revenue generation by \$1 million and he was recognized nationally for his exceptional work. From 1995 to 1996, he served at the Executive Director for the Hope and Help Center in Central Florida, whose mission is to treat and prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS. Mr. Slaymaker's outstanding service continued there as he initiated many programs to benefit the people of Florida and repaired the financially troubled state of the organization. In 1998, he joined the Orlando Gay Chorus as a volunteer singer and was quickly recruited to help with fundraising. For 10 years, he served as the Development Director for the Orlando Gay Chorus, increasing their budget by more than \$150,000. In 2000, he founded the Orlando Anti-Discrimination Ordinance Committee to fight local discrimination, and has been the driving force behind this highly successful volunteer group ever since. From 2001 to 2010, he was the Human Resources & Development Director of the La Amistad Foundation, Inc., where his innovations helped enhance the quality of life for adults with chronic mental illnesses.

Currently, Mr. Slaymaker is the President of the Orlando Youth Alliance, a non-profit organization which has the vital purpose in the Central Florida community to provide a safe and nurturing environment for LGBT youth between the ages of 13 and 20. The Orlando Youth Alliance was formed in 1990 under the name "Delta Youth Alliance" as a support

group to help struggling LGBT youth. The group gathers every week to talk about their concerns and discuss issues that are important to them. Through the years, this organization has lent a hand to hundreds of Central Florida's youth and has expanded its outreach into the Orlando community. Mr. Slaymaker's exceptional efforts have helped make our Central Florida safer, our community more dynamic, and our people more conscientious. He has inspired our youth and empowered them to be proud of who they are.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Mr. Michael Slaymaker for his outstanding work and leadership both in the Gay & Lesbian community and in our Florida community as a whole. He is a fantastic community activist and a source of pride to Florida.

AGC RECOGNIZES THE BEST IN
THE INDUSTRY

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, the Magazine of the Associated General Contractors of America proudly recognizes the new Margot and Bill Winspear Opera House and the AT&T Performing Arts Center Dee and Charles Wyly Theatre in Dallas, TX. Both buildings received an Aon Build America Award for their pioneering projects, commitment to safety, and community outreach. The one-of-a-kind 80,000-sq-ft AT&T Performing Arts Center Dee and Charles Wyly Theatre wins in the "Building New" category. Complimentary, the Margot and Bill Winspear Opera House is the grand award winner for "Construction Management New."

The eye-catching opera house is built in the center of Dallas' arts district which anchors the AT&T Performing Arts Center Dee and Charles Wyly Theatre. The complexity and stunning aesthetics of the Dallas Opera House, constructed by Linbeck Group, received AGC's highest award. This European style opera house, built at \$197 million, includes a performance hall that accommodates opera, musical theater, ballet, and many other dance forms.

One of the most visually stunning elements in the theater is the red glass wall panels that encase the performance hall. This red curtain wall is made up of a shocking 1,100 glass panels. It includes a great feature that allows three operable sections to be lowered opening the building to the outdoors.

For more than two decades these impressive awards were given to projects selected by a panel of tough critics and contractors. Now, Dallas can cheerfully accept this award and relish in their "job well done!"

IN HONOR OF THE STRONGSVILLE
VFW, POST 3345 ON THE OCCA-
SION OF THEIR 75TH ANNIVER-
SARY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the veteran and auxiliary

members of Strongsville Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 3345, as they celebrate the Post's 75th anniversary and dedicate a Veterans Memorial on June 19, 2010.

Strongsville VFW Post 3345 was chartered on June 22, 1935 with only three members in attendance. Today, it is one of the largest VFW posts in the state with nearly 1,200 members.

Strongsville VFW Post 3345 has a legacy of community outreach and volunteer service throughout the western communities of Greater Cleveland. The members of Post 3345 have reached out to veterans and the families of military personnel, providing support and assistance wherever possible. Post 3345 provides numerous college scholarships and sponsors an annual Teacher of the Year Award. Members also volunteer thousands of hours annually for charity and at local Veterans Administration hospitals.

Members of VFW Post 3345 raised funds to construct a Veterans Memorial to publicly honor and commemorate the lives of all American soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of our nation.

Madam Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honoring the members of Strongsville VFW Post 3345 and all veterans for their contributions to community and country.

HONORING THE SERVICE AND SAC-
RIFICE OF UNITED STATES AIR
FORCE SENIOR AIRMAN BEN-
JAMIN D. WHITE

HON. GABRIELLE GIFFORDS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Ms. GIFFORDS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor United States Air Force Senior Airman Benjamin D. White, who was killed in action on June 9, 2010.

Benjamin grew up in Johnson City, Tennessee and graduated from Science Hill High School in 2004. He attended East Tennessee State University before entering the Air Force in July 2006.

A Pararescueman assigned to the 48th Rescue Squadron at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Benjamin belonged to a highly regarded and specialized unit known throughout the military for their skills and willingness to risk their lives to save others.

The motto of Pararescue units, "That Others May Live", speaks to the dedication that Benjamin and his brothers in arms share. He perished doing what he loved, alongside other Air Force Rescue personnel, on a mission to save a British Soldier's life.

We remember Senior Airman White and offer our deepest condolences and sincerest prayers to his family. My words cannot effectively convey the feeling of great loss, nor can they offer adequate consolation. However, it is my hope that in future days, his family may take some comfort in knowing that Benjamin made a difference in the lives of many others and serves as an example of a competent and caring leader and friend that will live on in the hearts and minds of all those he touched.

Senior Airman White is survived by his mother Brenda, father Tony and brother Mark.

This body and this country owe Benjamin and his family our deepest gratitude, and we